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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
HANDLING A TUBE GUIDE OF UPPER  
INTERVAL EQUIPMENT OF A NUCLEAR  
REACTOR

Examiner: R. J. Palabrica

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 5, 2005, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II, claims 3 - 7 for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between the follow Groups:

Group I      Claims 1 and 2, drawn to a process (handling a guide tube), classified in class 376, subclass 262; and

Group II      Claims 3-7, drawn to an apparatus (tube handler), classified in class 376, subclass 260.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 20513-00599-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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